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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : PUTZOLU, David M.
SERIAL NO. : 09/417,527
FILED : October 13, 1999
FOR : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMIC
APPLICATION LAYER GATEWAYS
GROUP ART UNIT : 2731
EXAMINER : Unassigned

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(e)
TO OBTAIN A FILING DATE FOR AN APPLICATION AND TO ACCEPT THE
PRESENT PETITION AS TIMELY FILED**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that this Petition be accepted as timely filed and that a filing date of October 13, 1999 be given the application identified above.

On March 1, 2000, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Incomplete Application indicating that the application as filed did not include drawings. The postcard that would indicate whether the mail room of the Patent Office had received the drawings was not located until May 5, 2000 and was not received at this office until May 8, 2000.

Because the application includes claims (e.g., method claims and claims in the *Beauregard* format) that do not rely on the drawings to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, it is respectfully requested that this application (without drawings) be given a filing date of October 13, 1999.

A declaration from the undersigned attorney of record in support of this petition is enclosed. A newly signed declaration from the inventor will be submitted promptly.

The fee for filing this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is \$130.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the above fee and any other necessary fees (including fees for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter regarding this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5/11/00

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